Dated Camp Chintamani, 21st March 1899.

List of property stolen on 11th March 1899 at 3 A. M. in Crime Case No. 1—8 of 1898-99 on the file of the Sidlaghatta taluk, from the abode of Sub-Overseer Saminath Pillay near Sadli, Sidlaghatta taluk.

	Rs.	a.	p
One bendu valey set with rubies	.. 30	0	0
One gold adiga with tika set with rubies attached ..	.. 100	0	0
One gold coin necklace consisting of 25 sovereigns, ten 5-franc pieces and 7 varahas pieces	.. 540	0	0
Cash	.. 31	8	0
Total	.. 701	8	0

C. HAUDIN, for *Deputy Comr.*

Notice, dated 22nd March 1899.

The Depositors of Mysore Government Savings Bank, Kolar district, are hereby requested to present or send their Pass Books for adjustment of interest for 1897-98, to the respective Treasuries of this district in which the transactions are conducted.

C. KRISHNA RAO, *Treasury Officer.*

Proceedings of the Local Fund Board of the French Rocks circle at a meeting held at Mandya on the 29th December 1898.

PRESENT.

President.

H. Ramanuja Iyengar, Esq., Sub-Division Officer.

Official Members.

1. Mr. C. Madhava Rao, Executive Engineer.
2. „ B. Srinivasa Rao, Amildar of Seringapatam.
3. „ V. N. Guru Rao, Amildar of Mandya.
4. „ D. Narasinga Rao, Amildar of Krishnarajpete
5. „ D. Subba Rao, Amildar of Nagamangala.

Non-Official Members.

1. Mr. Ramanna of Mandya.
2. „ Mallappa of Malvalli.
3. „ Krishnappa of Krishnarajpete.
4. „ Govindappaiengar, Inamdar.

ABSENT.

Official Members.

1. Mr. P. S. Atchyuta Rao, Civil Surgeon.
2. „ A. Krishne Urs, Amildar of Malvalli.

Non-Official Member.

Mr. Garudachar of Nagamangala.

The President opened the proceedings by explaining the steps taken to give effect to the rules under the Village Sanitation Regulation which received sanction of Government since the last meeting of the Board.

He next referred to the correspondence which had taken place with the Deputy Commissioner in view to strengthen the staff of Work Inspectors for the sub-division which was also one of the chief topics of discussion at the last meeting.

2. The discussion of the Budget Estimates of Receipts and Expenditure for the year 1899-1900 was then taken up.

RECEIPTS.

3. The Receipts are estimated at Rs. 43,090 against Rs. 50,355-13-0, the actuals of the year 1897-98. This difference is chiefly owing to the omission of the provision under grant-in-aid of Rs. 7,084 which had been made during the year 1897-98 from Local Funds General to be expended on two important works, *viz.*, (1) widening the bridge across the waste weir of the Devirammanakere in Krishnarajpete and (2) opening out a fair weather road from Krishnarajpete to Bandahole. The other smaller differences between the estimates and the actuals arise from items which are necessarily uncertain and fluctuating and do not, therefore, call for any explanation.

4. *Opening Balance.*—The opening balance is estimated at Rs. 5,725 after making due provision in the Supplemental Budget for 1898-99 for all necessary works which remained incomplete at the end of the year 1897-98.

5. This together with the estimated receipts brings up the total assets to Rs. 48,815.

EXPENDITURE.

6. *A. Public Works to be executed by Public Works Department—Original Works.*—The Executive Engineer proposed 7 works under this head. But the funds at the disposal of the Board do not admit of any costly new works being undertaken or indeed of full appropriation being made for the two incomplete works which were sanctioned in previous years and are in progress, *viz.*, (1) constructing tunnels and improving Seringapatam-Sosale-Sivanasamudram road and (2) constructing a new tunnel and raising road in ¼ mile of the French Rocks Station, Nelligere road. In spite of the importance of these roads and their highly unsatisfactory condition which has frequently attracted notice, only Rs. 2,500 could be provided for the former and Rs. 1,500 for the latter. The railing of the Malvalli tank bund on which runs the Maddur, Sivanasamudram Cauvery Falls road is also an important and urgent work. In connection with this, the Executive Engineer has sent up four different estimates : 1st for opening a new road at the rear toe of the bund to cost Rs. 3,040 ; 2ndly for replacing the wooden railing with rails to cost Rs. 5,928 ; 3rdly for railing with wrought iron gas piping of 2" diameter to cost Rs. 2,454, and 4thly for repairing the present wooden railing to cost Rs. 310. The last is the least costly of the four, but it has no other recommendation. The Board is, therefore, unanimous in selecting the third estimate being less costly than the other two, while at the same time the work would be far more durable than the fourth, and Rs. 1,500 has been provided for the same.

7. Thus the total sum passed for original works under Public Works Department comes to Rs. 5,500.

8. As usual, 21 roads were proposed for maintenance at a cost of Rs. 24,395 for which provision has been made ; but no funds are available for the special repairs of (1) French Rocks Station, Nelligere road, and (2) Mandya-Nagamangala road included in the statement received from the Executive Engineer. It was brought to notice that the extension of the Lingarajachattra-Kallahalli road by 3 miles was omitted to be provided for in the current year's budget. This has to be supplied in the coming year's budget, and Rs. 135 were accordingly passed. The Executive Engineer further requested that the mileage allotment for this as well as the Seringapatam-Sorab-Sivanasamudram road should be raised from Rs. 45 to Rs. 60 and Rs. 60 to Rs. 80 respectively. The Board being divided as to the necessity for the former increase, the question was deferred, pending the receipt of further information from the Executive Engineer, who has kindly undertaken to report on the present condition of the road after personal inspection. The increased mileage asked in the other case appears justified by the importance of the road and its heavy traffic. The proposal of the Executive Engineer is, therefore, passed. For the above reasons, the amount under repairs is in excess of the current year's grant by Rs. 615.

9. The amount thus allotted to Public Works Department comes to Rs. 29,895. To this must be added the establishment charges of Rs. 5,232 at 17½ per cent which raises the total grant to Rs. 35,127.

10. *B. Public Works to be executed by the Revenue Officers.*—No provision could be made for any original works under this head on account of paucity of funds. Rs. 340 have been provided for the maintenance of roads as usual. The establishment charges of Rs. 134 include also the charges on Rs. 1,000 provided for construction of cattle-pounds under "Civil Charges."

11. *C. Civil Charges.*—There are differences between the estimates and the actuals under only two heads, *viz.*, (1) Sanitary and Conservancy Charges, and (2) Commission to pound-keepers. Rs. 1,000 provided for village sanitation for the current year has to be omitted in the present budget for want of funds ; and the commission to pound-keepers is less in proportion to the reduced estimated receipts as per standing rules. The amounts under other heads being usual, call for no remark.

12. After curtailing the expenditure to the lowest possible limits as above set forth, the closing balance is estimated to be no more than Rs. 4,041, which is less than the prescribed ratio by Rs. 8,163. With its impoverished finances, the Board is not only unable to undertake any new works of public utility, but is also precluded from providing for the special repairs of some of the more important roads, which have been drifting from bad to worse as may be seen from copies attached of reports received from the Executive Engineer. The repeated representations made with a view to transfer some of the more expensive roads to Provincial Funds have met with no favour. Under these circumstances the Board beg leave to approach Government once again and apply for sanction to a grant-in-aid of Rs. 30,000 from Local Funds General.

H. RAMANUJAIENGAR, *President*.